

Minutes of the May 5, 2011 HP/FH Committee Meeting

Attendance

Present: Ellen Kosmer (EK); Claude Tellier (CT); Chris Hoffmann (CH); Nancy Gregg (NG), Chair; Flo Stern (FS); Walter Wolnik (WW).

Alisa Brewer (AB) (Select Board liaison).

Irene Starr (IS); Catherine Byars (Hawthorne neighbors).

Actions:

Called to order at 9:12 am.

Adjourned at 10:57 am.

Discussion:

Minutes. Review and approval of April 7th minutes was deferred to the next meeting. While WW recalled having emailed draft minutes, others did not recall having received them.

Announcements. NG and other members commented on the success of April's Affordable Housing Forum. IS announced there will be tours of the Hawthorne property on Saturday, May 7th.

Town Meeting Preparation. Community Preservation Act affordable housing project items (Habitat for Humanity Belchertown Road, Appraisal and Surveys, Hawthorne House Feasibility Study) in Warrant Article 20 were briefly reviewed.

Hawthorne. The committee appeared to have consensus around duplex family housing, storage in the barn, preservation if feasible of at least parts of the existing structure, and preference for ownership but acknowledgment that rental is likely more feasible. IS inquired whether the committee would make any recommendations with respect to recreation uses; WW read from draft minutes what had been said about this at the April 7th meeting. EK and CT will prepare a draft recommendations document for the May 12th meeting.

Charge. The committee and AB had an extended discussion about its now largely obsolete existing charge and what should go into a revised charge. (WW noted that the item calling for the no-longer-performed publication and updating of a landlords/tenants guide had been mandated by a Town Bylaw, which AB determined came out of a 1980 Town Meeting vote.) NG and FS will prepare a draft replacement charge for the May 12th meeting.

Tasks:

Hawthorne Recommendations draft and new Committee Charge draft, May 12th.

Documents:

Article 20 CPA affordable housing and historic preservation project list.

March 23 Joint meeting with LSSE issues raised document.

Template draft for Hawthorne Meadow Recommendations.

HP/FHC Committee Charge.

Next meetings:

May 12 at 9 am, First Floor Meeting Room.

Submitted By

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